



CITY OF TAUNTON
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Cemetery Refund Policy
City Maintained Cemeteries
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Unused Lots

Any unused cemetery lot can be turned back to the city and money will be refunded based on the purchase cost minus a percentage of the perpetual care fee as follows:

- 10% of Perpetual Care of lot held from 0-9 years
 - 15% of Perpetual Care of lot held from 10-20 years
 - 20% of Perpetual Care of lot held for 21 years or longer
- There will be an additional \$25.00 administrative fee charged*

Lots that are currently occupied (with a headstone, marker or burial)

The Commission will determine if the lot has any value and if it can be subdivided and given back for re-use. There must be a minimum of two empty graves (side by side to be considered for re-use)

- 10% of Perpetual Care of lot held from 0-9 years
 - 15% of Perpetual Care of lot held from 10-20 years
 - 20% of Perpetual Care of lot held for 21 years or longer
- There will be an additional \$50.00 administrative fee charged*

Other Requirements

Proof of Ownership of the lot is required (Copy of the deed and cancelled check/money order when purchased)

In the case of an unused family lot of which ownership is to be transferred to an heir or heirs, copies of the will, relevant probate documents, or transfer forms will be required, as well as notarized letters from all parties with burial rights in the event of two or more persons being entitled to the possession, care and control of such lot.

If there is a monument on the lot, the owner/heirs are responsible for the removal of the monument including the foundation which must be approved by the Commissioner. There is a fee of \$100.00 for the re-grading of this lot.